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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR 90-DAY TDY'ER FOR CRU SUPPORT

1. STOCKHOLM'S COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS UNIT HAS ONE C&R OFFICER, TWO ASSISTANTS. TWO PEOPLE ARE NEEDED, ONE TO PROCESS MESSAGES, ONE TO ANSWER PHONES, HAND OUT MAIL ETC., WHEN UNIT IS OPEN ON WEEKDAYS. THIS ACCOUNTS FOR ABOUT 90 MAN HOURS PER WEEK. OTHER DUTIES, PARTICULARLY 30-MILE RUNS TO AIRPORT OUTSIDE BUSINESS HOURS FOR COURIER TRANSFERS, PLUS SATURDAY MORNINGS PUSH MAN-HOUR FIGURE WELL OVER 100 PER WEEK, CLOSE TO 120 PER WEEK WHEN CALL-INS ARE INCLUDED.

2. UNIT HAS HANDLED THIS SITUATION VERY WELL, BUT NO ONE HAS BEEN ABLE TO TAKE ANY EXTENDED LEAVE. PROJECTIONS FOR USE-OR-LOSE LEAVE FOR UNIT THIS YEAR NOW STAND AT TEN MAN-WEEKS. POST BELIEVES THAT ASKING TWO PEOPLE TO HANDLE A 120-HOUR PER WEEK SITUATION FOR THIS EXTENDED PERIOD IS UNREASONABLE.

3. SITUATION WAS HANDLED IN PREVIOUS YEARS BECAUSE STOCKHOLM HAD FOUR C&R POSITIONS. FOURTH POSITION ABOLISHED JANUARY 1973. WE AVOIDED THE PROBLEM IN 1973 BECAUSE TWO OF THREE REMAINING PEOPLE WERE TRANSFERRED THAT YEAR AND AGREED TO TAKE LEAVE BETWEEN ASSIGNMENTS. WE CAN NOT MAKE THIS ARRANGEMENT THIS YEAR, AND REQUEST 90-DAY TDY'ER FOR VACATION RELIEF. STRAUSS-HUPE

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